

Taking Pictures with a Camera and Cell Phone

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The Fitnah of Taking Pictures with a Camera and Cell Phone

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All praises to Allah Ta'ala, Who sent His Rasool with guidance and the Deen (religion) of Haq (truth) to make it triumph over all religions, although those who associate others with Allah dislike it. May Allah shower His Peace and Blessings upon him (the Rasool) and upon his family, companions and followers.

Among the things in which all and sundry have fallen prey to and have become crazy about, is taking pictures with the cell phone, which is in the hand or pocket of men and women, young and old.

Thus, it is possible for them to take pictures of everyone, every scene and situation, whether a public scene or private, beneficial or non-beneficial.

Sometimes a picture is taken of some people's personal and private things. Sometimes, it is not permissible to take pictures on account of the harm that ensues in the wake of taking the picture, leaving aside the ruling of picture taking (pictography).

There are a host of evils and wrongs which ensue in the wake of pictography with the cell phone. From among them are the following:

1. *Opposing the Nusoos* (clear-cut verdicts) of the Hadith which show the prohibition of picture-taking, and which sounds a severe warning (against it) and cursing the picture takers. The justification of the (erroneous) interpreters and the following of vain desires are the origin of every evil which has befallen the Ummah, from ancient to modern times. If the justifier is a Mujtahid in Ilm (knowledge), he is *ma'zoor* (excused), but the one who follows his vain desires is sinful and unexcused. The minimum (ruling) in regard to this pictography which many people have fallen prey to and which has been halaalized on the basis of some vagaries is that it is

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(doubtful). But, Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam has stated:

“Whoever abstains from doubtful matters has verily exonerated himself in his Deen and his honour. And those involved in doubtful things will fall into Haraam.”

The taking of a picture of the one who is displeased (of his picture being taken). This is violating his *Haq* (right). The evil increases by spreading (circulating /posting) it (the picture taken of a person who was unhappy of it). Sometimes the picture of a female is taken. Taking and spreading (posting/broadcasting) her picture is not permissible even if she approves of it.

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